



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Mokelumne River Watershed Mural Project Status

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2003

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council review the progress to date related to the Mokelumne River Watershed Mural Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On April 27, 2001, the Lodi Lake Nature Area Docent Council submitted a CalFed Watershed Program Proposal to the State of California Department of Water Resources. The proposal sought funding to establish a Lower Mokelumne River Citizen Monitoring Program. In June 2001 the Department of Water Resources entered into a Standard Agreement with the City of Lodi. This Standard Agreement is providing the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Education Project funds in the amount of \$70,140.00. Within the Budget Summary of this CalFed Grant, Task 4 earmarks \$29,000.00 for the design and production of two watershed education murals.

Professional artist, Suzanne Kennedy, was commissioned to design and assist in the production of the two murals. Ms. Kennedy worked with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Heritage Primary School to produce mural #1. A Rotary Club member installed this small mural at the Discovery Center on June 4, 2003. For mural #2, Ms. Kennedy, along with students from Steve Jordan's Liberty High School 2002-2003 art classes, studied the Mokelumne River watershed. The mural will be the end product of their year long study. This mural will be installed on the trail head at the Lodi Lake Nature Area to be used by the Lodi Lake Nature Area Docents in their outdoor education program.

Both murals highlight the many impacts the river has sustained through the past two centuries since modern contact. It is the students and their sponsors hope that through their work, people now who enjoy the river will contribute to its healthy stewardship, which often begins on the streets of our neighborhoods.

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